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SUBJECT: REFUGEE STAFFING: REDUCTION IN JVR STAFF

1. DEPARTMENT EXTREMELY SHORT ON FUNDS FOR IMPLEMENTATION
IPP-77. PARTICULARLY ON THE JVR SIDE WE SEE NEED TO RAPIDLY
AND SUBSTANTIALLY TRIM STAFF.

2. NOW THAT JVR PRE-SCREENING OF REFUGEES IN LAND CAMPS HAS
BEEN COMPLETED, WE BELIEVE THAT JVR AMERICAN STAFF CAN BE
CUT BACK TO CONSIST OF FOLLOWING AMERICANS: CHIEF, DEPUTY
CHIEF, ADMIN. ASSISTANT, STATISTICS/RECORDS, BOAT COORDINA-
TOR, BOAT ASSISTANT, LAND COORDINATOR, TWO LAND ASSISTANTS.

3. DEPARTMENT ASSUMES THESE NINE AMERICANS COULD ADEQUATELY
PERFORM FUNCTION OF CONTINUING TO SCREEN NEW BOAT AND LAND
ARRIVALS. WE ARE PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS TO MAKE SURE THAT
SCREENING OF NEW LAND ARRIVALS R-COMMENCES PROMPTLY SO THAT
THE BACKLOG OF NEW REFUGEES TO BE SCREENED IS OF WORKABLE
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PROPORTIONS WHEN THIS SMALLER STAFF TAKES OVER. NOW THAT
PRE-SCREENING FOR INS HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED WE ASSUME SOME
SCREENING PERSONNEL WILL BE FREE TO TURN TO THIS FUNCTION
RIGHT AWAY.

4. IF EMBASSY FEELS IT ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY DEPARTMENT PRE-
PARED TO CONSIDER FUNDING ONE ADDITIONAL JVR SLOT FOR A

CORRESPONDENCE SPECIALIST TO AUGMENT EMBASSY PIT EMPLOYEE
ALREADY PERFORMING THIS FUNCTION. HOWEVER WE HOPE THIS
CAN BE AVOIDED.

5. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES JVR SHOULD BE BROUGHT DOWN TO NEW
LEVEL BY APRIL 30. INITIALLY 6-8 AMERICANS SHOULD BE TER-
MINATED BY MARCH 1 WHICH WILL NECESSITATE NOTIFICATION BE-
FORE FEBRUARY 1 TO THOSE PERSONNEL. WE REALIZE JVR HAD
HOPED THAT FULL AMERICAN STAFF COULD BE USED TO DEVELOP
BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON INS-APPROVED REFUGEES. THIS FUNCTION
WHILE DESIRABLE WOULD COST TOO MUCH TO JUSTIFY. JVR WILL
HOWEVER CONTINUE TO PLAY ITS ROLE ASSOCIATED WITH INS-
SCREENING ABOUT TO START AND WITH REGISTRATION AND PRE-
SCREENING OF NEW LAND AND BOAT ARRIVALS. THERE SHOULD ALSO
BE CAPABILITY TO MAINTAIN SUPPORT OF CE PROGRAM FOR BOAT
REFUGEES.

6. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES PARALLEL ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN TO
TRIM THAI STAFF OR JVR.

7. LOWMAN HOPES TO DISCUSS OFFICIAL STAFF FOR REFUGEE PRO-
GRAM DURING FEBRUARY VISIT.

8. REQUEST EMBASSY COMMENTS. CHRISTOPHER

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